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CITY CLOSES WESTBANK COOLING SHELTER DUE TO AIR CONDITIONER ISSUE; MOVES RESIDENTS TO ST. BERNARD CENTER

NEW ORLEANS, LA-- The City of New Orleans is closing its west bank emergency cooling shelter at Behrman Center in Algiers after losing air conditioning.

Residents at the shelter will be offered public transportation to the City's east bank shelter at the St. Bernard Recreation Center in Gentilly.

Approximately 60 residents total had registered at the Behrman site since becoming operational late last night. About 20 were at the site at the time of the A/C failure.

Residents will still be accepted at the St. Bernard Center. Space is limited, so residents are asked to reserve space for those with the most critical needs, including the elderly, those with illnesses exacerbated by the heat, residents with children and residents with damage to their homes.

The St. Bernard Center is located at 1500 Lafreniere Street in Gentilly.



All persons should bring the following with them.

Bedding, to include air mattress, blankets, pillows Snacks Medications Toiletries Baby/ Children's supplies Hygiene Items Meals, if on a special diet

NOTE: Drugs, Alcohol, Weapons, and Pets are not allowed in shelters.

Individuals who are electricity dependent or have medical needs and cannot care for themselves are asked to call 658-2500 to register for a separate medical special needs shelter in New Orleans.

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